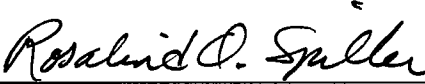


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION WITH REQUEST
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Dear Sir:

In response to a final Office Action with a mailing date of July 19, 2006, response to which is due by October 19, 2006 without extension, and in light of an Advisory Action dated October 5, 2006, and a Request for Continued Examination and payment therefore filed herewith, said response therefore being timely filed, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: